

## **Council Newsletter**

### CITY MANAGER'S NOTES August 30, 2018

### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.

City Council will meet on **Tuesday**, **September 4**, **2018**. The Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. The Regular Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

City Council will next meet on **Monday, September 10, 2018**. The Study Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

### Informational Items

The following attachments are in response to City Council requests, as well as other informational items.

- 1. Denver Business Journal article: Craig Hospital names new CEO following six-month search
- 2. Englewood Herald article: Police integrate mental health component into work with homelessness
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From the Denver Business Journal:

https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2018/08/20/craig-hospital-names-new-ceo-jandel-allendavis.html

### Craig Hospital names new CEO following sixmonth search

Allen-Davis comes to Craig from Kaiser Permanente.

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The Craig Hospital Board of Directors has appointed a new CEO to lead the Englewood-based rehabilitation facility.

The board named Dr. Jandel Allen-Davis as its new president and chief executive officer on Monday. Allen-Davis, who replaces Mike Fordyce as CEO, begins her role Oct. 1.











Bob Ladenburger, chairman of the Craig Hospital board, said in a statement that Allen-Davis has the skills to lead the hospital.

"But above all, the value she places on patients and the quality of their care is in perfect alignment with Craig's culture, which is what makes this hospital unique," he said.

The hospital has consistently been ranked in the 10 best rehab facilities in the country. It's unique because it brings half of its patients from outside the state, hosts them for an average of 58 days and has a foundation pay for the cost of care when insurance funding runs out.

Fordyce, 66, who announced his retirement from the hospital earlier this year, was instrumental in raising \$50 million for a badly needed \$88 million renovation after he arrived in 2008. Allen-Davis plans to work with him in transition through the end of the year.

In 2016, Fordyce made about \$770,000, according to its 990 tax form.

Allen-Davis said in a statement that she's "very grateful" to sign on with Craig Hospital.

"This is a special place — the way Craig puts patients and their families at the center of care is directly in line with how I practiced medicine," she said.

Andrew Dodson
Reporter
Denver Business Journal











# Police integrate mental health component into work with homeless

Posted Wednesday, August 22, 2018 11:00 am

### **Ellis Arnold**

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On a late spring day in June, Englewood police Sgt. Reid McGrath described a call about a woman who said she was hearing voices — a scenario he said is not unusual for police interactions with people who appear to be homeless.

"Among the homeless, we're more likely to deal with substance abuse and serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia — very debilitating," McGrath said.

Englewood city officials have pointed to rising housing costs in the Denver metro area as a likely cause for an increased homeless population in Englewood. But housing isn't the only concern.

"The No. 1 priority for people to move out of homelessness is access to substance-abuse and mental health treatment resources," said McGrath, whose police department recently added a new position to help overcome those obstacles.

Generally, whether people abuse substances before or after ending up homeless is unclear, McGrath said. "I think you could certainly find people who before they became homeless were (addicted), but a great number of them" afterward.

"If I was homeless suddenly, I might find myself using substances to cope more," McGrath said. But that substance abuse or mental health issue "prevents them from being able to successfully navigate the system and the process of getting out of homelessness."

That's why in June, Englewood police added a mental health co-responder to the department.

Emilie Van haecke, a counselor with AllHealth Network, which provides behavioral-health services and has locations in Littleton and elsewhere in the south-metro area, rides along with officers, making contact with individuals who may face health issues. She can provide assistance if someone needs a mental health hospitalization — if they're a danger to themselves or others or are disabled — or other help, she said.

"We're really flexible with getting people connected to financial resources and insurance," said Van haecke, who works with Englewood officers two days per week and also works with Littleton police.

Van haecke also can refer those in need to a mental health center or crisis center, options that make mental-health care more accessible than in an emergency room, McGrath said.

The co-responder approach brings help to those who need it the most and who also may have the most barriers to receiving treatment, Van haecke said. Engaging people about their lives helps open that door, and she's been "blown away" by their willingness to share their stories.

"Those experiencing homelessness also have a high rate of past traumas in their life — thus, a lot of reasons not to trust," Van haecke said. "So those times when individuals have been vulnerable and opened up to the officers and myself, it has felt very meaningful."



**HOMELESS IN ENGLEWOOD** 

# Ruling with 'human element' in mind

# Local judge works to connect homeless defendants with resources

Posted Wednesday, August 22, 2018 11:15 am

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Across the hall from his old seat as mayor on Englewood City Council, Joe Jefferson has donned the judge's robes and brought with him a passion for helping defendants succeed.

"Our primary goal is two-fold," Jefferson said, referencing a court's job to deter crimes. "But we also have this restorative and rehabilitative function, and that's where I feel we can make some substantial improvements."

At the Englewood Municipal Court, Jefferson is leading a push to offer more positive opportunities to resolve cases and lessen the financial blow the homeless may receive. He's also working to connect homeless defendants to local resources — food banks, nonprofits and mental health assistance.

The goal is to help all defendants improve their lives, but homeless defendants may need more attention, said Jefferson, who served as Englewood's mayor from 2015 until January of this year.

"They're dealing with housing, food, (need for) IDs — transportation is a big one," Jefferson said. And for those who need mental health and substance-use assistance but don't have the money, "I feel like I need to provide more resources in that regard."

As part of that effort, the court refers defendants to AllHealth Network, a behavioral health-care provider, to get treatment as part of alternative sentences — a way to avoid jail time, Jefferson said. He plans to meet with AllHealth to discuss connecting defendants to help more directly.

For defendants' community service, Jefferson wants to enlist local programs the homeless can serve and be served by, such as HOPE food pantry on South Broadway or Café 180, a

restaurant that provides meals in exchange for volunteer service for those who can't pay and which often serves homeless patrons.

"People like that who have a true affinity for our defendants and our local community — that's who I want to start with," Jefferson said.

The court currently allows service hours at places throughout the Denver-metro area.

Aside from emphasizing community service, the court has lowered bonds it imposes on defendants, particularly for those who are financially struggling.

If a person is in financial need and has a minor offense — such as a first-time open container — the court sets bond as low as \$50, Jefferson said. Normally, that amount could be \$100 for a person who has a home, but it's always a case-by-case basis, he said.

Bond comes into play if a person misses court or pleads "not guilty."

It's common for homeless defendants to miss court dates, Jefferson said, and the court is considering new technology that may be able to help, such as an automated reminder phone call or text message. The docket also could be put online so a defendant can check the date.

For Jefferson, adjudicating the homeless with compassion is a matter of looking at an old metaphor, Maslow's pyramid of needs — a hierarchy of factors in life that includes safety, self-esteem and physiological well-being.

"What I realize is these people are on the base level," he said, "and I can't expect them to pay for a class that's going rehabilitate them" if they don't know where they'll eat or sleep.

It's important to remember "the human element" and that some of the city's homeless were born and raised in Englewood, Jefferson said. It's important "not just to punish, but to restore and rehabilitate."

# CITY OF ENGLEWOOD 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues., Sept 4	4:30 p.m.	Mayor Manager Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Wed., Sept. 5	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Mon., Sept 10	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Tues., Sept 11	11:30 a.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf-Room
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Public Library Board, Englewood Public Library, Altenbach Room
Wed., Sept. 12	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., Sept. 13	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Englewood Recreation Center, Aquatics Room, 1155 W. Oxford Ave.
	6:00 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee, City Council Conf Room
Mon., Sept 17	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Sept. 18	11:30 a.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Sept. 19	5:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (tentative)
	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., Sept 24	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Tues., Sept 25	11:30 a.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	5:15 p.m.	Budget Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room

Mon., Oct 1	6:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Oct. 2	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Oct. 3	11:30 a.m.	Alliance for Commerce in Englewood, City Council Conference Room
	4:00 p.m.	Englewood Housing Authority, EHA Board Room
	5:45 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission, Englewood Public Library, Perrin Room
Mon., Oct 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Tues., Oct. 9	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Water & Sewer Board, Community Development Conf. Room
	5:30 p.m.	Keep Englewood Beautiful, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Public Library Board, Englewood Public Library, Altenbach Room
Wed., Oct. 10	6:30 p.m.	Englewood Urban Renewal Authority, City Council Conference Room
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment and Appeals, Council Chambers
Thurs., Oct. 11	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., Oct 15	7:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Oct. 16	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers
Wed., Oct. 17	5:30 p.m.	Code Enforcement Advisory Committee (tentative)
	6:30 p.m.	Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Conference Room
Mon., Oct. 22	6:00 p.m.	City Council Study Session
Tues., Oct 23	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	5:15 p.m.	Budget Advisory Committee, City Council Conference Room
Mon., Nov 5	2:00 p.m.	Malley Center Trust Fund, Malley Recreation Center
	6:00 p.m.	City Council Regular Meeting
Tues., Nov. 6	2:30 p.m.	Mayor/Manager Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council Conference Room/Council Chambers

# TENTATIVE STUDY SESSIONS TOPICS FOR ENGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL

Sept 4	Study Session Accessory Dwelling Unit Recapitulation
Sept 4	Regular Meeting
Sept 10	Study Session Flood Permit Fee Waiver Discussion Sales/Use Tax Code Definitions, Licensing and Occupational Tax Discussion 3075 S Tejon Property Discussion
Sept 17	Regular Meeting
Sept 24	Study Session Police Building Project Update Redevelopment Program Update
Oct 1	Regular Meeting
Oct 8	Study Session Comprehensive Plan Review
Oct 15	Regular Meeting
Oct 22	Study Session
Oct 29	5 <sup>th</sup> Monday – No Meeting
Nov 5	Regular Meeting
Nov 13	Study Session
Nov 19	Regular Meeting
Nov 26	Study Session
Dec 3	Regular Meeting
Dec 10	Study Session
Dec 17	Council Holiday Dinner
Dec 24	Holidays

### **FUTURE STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

Council Policy Manual Finalization

**Board & Commission Presentations** 

Small Cell Technology Discussion

Youth Commission Discussion

**Building Use Tax Discussion** 

**Immigration Policy Discussion** 

Home Rule Charter Amendment Discussion

Home Rule Charter Review

**ULI Healthy Corridor Report Study** 

Joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission

**Procurement Policy Discussion** 

After Action Report on Flooding

Citizen of the Year

Long Term Financing

### **Boards and Commissions**

Board and Commission Interviews (January and June)

Alliance for Commerce in Englewood Committee

Board of Adjustment and Appeals

**Budget Advisory Committee** 

Code Enforcement Advisory Board (May)

**Cultural Arts Commission** 

**Election Commission** 

Englewood Housing Authority (February)

Keep Englewood Beautiful Commission (May)

Liquor Licensing Authority

Fire Pension, Police Pension and Retirement Board

Parks and Recreation Commission

Planning and Zoning Commission (February)

Public Library Board (June)

Transportation Advisory Committee

**Urban Renewal Authority** 

Water and Sewer Board